

CITY OF NEW HOPE  
4401 XYLON AVENUE NORTH  
NEW HOPE, MINNESOTA 55428

City Council Minutes  
Special Meeting

July 12, 2011  
City Hall, 6:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The New Hope City Council met in special session pursuant to due call and notice thereof; Mayor Hemken called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The City Council and all present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**ROLL CALL**

Council present: Kathi Hemken, Mayor  
John Elder, Council Member  
Andy Hoffe, Council Member  
Eric Lammle, Council Member  
Daniel Stauner, Council Member

Staff present:  
Kirk McDonald, City Manager  
Roger Axel, Building Official  
Gordon Jensen, City Attorney's office  
Valerie Leone, City Clerk

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTIONS  
Item 11.1**

Mayor Hemken introduced for discussion Item 11.1, Ordinance No. 2011-08, An ordinance amending New Hope Code Chapter 3 by adding the Minnesota Electrical Act as 3-2(3) of the New Hope Code.

Mr. Kirk McDonald, city manager, stated the special meeting was called due to the state government shutdown and the critical need for electrical inspections. He stated adoption of the ordinance will allow an electrical inspections program in the city to be administered and enforced by the city. At the June 27 Council Meeting the Council authorized a contract with Peter Tokle for local inspections. Mr. McDonald stated that subsequent to the approval of the contract, staff was notified by the state that the city ordinance also needed to be amended to allow local electrical inspections. He commented that inspections are required for carnival rides at the Duk Duk Daze festival to be held July 15-17.

Mr. Roger Axel, building official, emphasized the importance of continuance of electrical inspections for large and small construction projects. He reported that a copy of the approval resolution will need to be filed with the Department of Labor and Industry per statute.

Mayor Hemken inquired regarding whether the city could also assume plumbing inspections.

Mr. Axel recommended no changes to the plumbing permit process at this

time. It was noted that the League of Minnesota Cities is interpreting state statute to determine cities' authority. Presently it is believed that the state agency reserves the authority to review and approve plumbing plans and specifications.

**ORDINANCE 2011-08**  
**Item 11.1**

Council Member Stauner introduced the following ordinance and moved its adoption: **"ORDINANCE NO. 2011-08, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING NEW HOPE CODE CHAPTER 3 BY ADDING THE MINNESOTA ELECTRICAL ACT AS 3-2(3) OF THE NEW HOPE CODE."** The motion for the adoption of the foregoing ordinance was seconded by Council Member Elder, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hemken, Elder, Hoffe, Lammle, Stauner; and the following voted against the same: None; Abstained: None; Absent: None; whereupon the ordinance was declared duly passed and adopted, signed by the mayor which was attested to by the city clerk.

**CHRIS BENZ**  
**BASEBALL**  
**TOURNAMENT**  
**Item 11.2**

Mayor Hemken introduced for discussion Item 11.2, Resolution proclaiming July 16, 2011, as Suicide Prevention Day in memory of Chris Benz.

Mayor Hemken reported the city passed a similar resolution last year. She explained that since the city was holding a special meeting a request was made to adopt a resolution prior to this weekend's baseball tournament.

**RESOLUTION 2011-93**  
**Item 5.4**

Council Member Elder introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption: **"RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING JULY 16, 2011, AS SUICIDE PREVENTION DAY IN MEMORY OF CHRIS BENZ."** The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was seconded by Council Member Stauner, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof: Hemken, Elder, Hoffe, Lammle, Stauner; and the following voted against the same: None; Abstained: None; Absent: None; whereupon the resolution was declared duly passed and adopted, signed by the mayor which was attested to by the city clerk.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Council Member Lammle, seconded by Council Member Elder, **to adjourn the meeting as there was no further business to come before the Council.** All present voted in favor. Motion carried. The New Hope City Council adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Valerie Leone  
City Clerk